**I’m convinced.   
Where can I file?**

You can go to a free tax assistance site. These sites have trained volunteers who will check your eligibility and then help you fill out your tax forms.

**To find a free tax site near you:**

* Visit <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>  
  or
* Download IRS2Go - the official mobile app of the IRS, available on all major platforms:
* Check your refund status, make a payment, find free tax preparation assistance, sign up for helpful tax tips, and more!
* IRS2Go is available in both English and Spanish.

or

* Call the IRS at 1-800-906-9887

**Some families can get a   
child tax credit (CTC),   
too!**

Your family may qualify for the   
CTC, which may reduce your tax   
by as much as $2,000 for each   
qualifying child.

**Extra state benefit**

When you qualify for the federal   
EITC, you automatically qualify   
for a Massachusetts tax credit   
(EIC) that will give you an extra   
30% of your EITC check.

$3,584 turns into $4,659!

**File Your   
2020   
Taxes.**

**Get Cash Back.**

**It’s That Easy.**



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**Learn about 2020 tax credits and   
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| **A “qualifying child” can be your:**  **How much money can I get back?**  Your EITC check depends mainly on your family size and your 2020 earned income.  **How do I know if I qualify for EITC?**   * You must have worked and earned income * The household members you claim must have Social Security numbers that are valid for employment * You cannot be counted as a “child” by someone else * Biological or adopted child, stepchild, foster child, or a descendent of any of them, such as your grandchild; * Brother, half-brother, sister or half-sister, stepbrother or stepsister, or a descendent of any one of them, such as a niece or nephew.   There are more rules about relationship, age, citizenship, disabilities and foreign income. A **free** tax preparer can explain these rules; or visit www.irs.gov/eitc for more information. | **At the end of 2020, a “qualifying child” must:**  • Be younger than you.  • Be under 19; or  • Be a full-time student under 24; or  • Be over 19 and permanently disabled.  • Not have filed a joint return other than to claim a  refund. • Have lived with you in the United States for more  than half (184 days for 2020) of the tax year. |

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| **If your  family has**  **What is the EITC, and how can it help me?**  The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is for people who work and meet certain income guidelines. You may **get money back** when you file your taxes and keep more of what you earned. It can make a big difference!  Learn more details and file for your tax credits at a **free tax assistance** **site** near you. There are about 300 in Massachusetts open during tax season. You may even get tax credits for the last two years.  **Note:** AGI means Adjusted Gross Income, MFJ means Married Filing Jointly. | **And your AGI and earned income is less than** | **Then you may get up to** |
| No “qualifying children”  (see box) | $15,820  ($21,710 if MFJ) | $538 |
| One qualifying child | $41,756  ($47,646 if MFJ) | $3,584 |
| Two qualifying children | $47,440  ($53,330 if MFJ) | $5,920 |
| Three or more qualifying children  **Note:** TAFDC, alimony and child support  payments are not earned income and do not count towards the income limits. | $50,954  ($56,884 if MFJ) | $6,660 |

**What if I file, but don’t owe any tax?**

No problem. You may still be eligible to get the tax credits.

**Will the EITC affect my benefits?**

In Massachusetts, getting the federal EITC and the state EIC tax credit **will not affect your eligibility** for TAFDC, SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, or low-income housing.

*(EITC and EIC do not count as income in determining eligibility for these benefits.)*

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